



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Health – Board of Physical Therapy

- ☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 04-07-195 ; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- ☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) **WAC 246-915-040 – Licensure by endorsement – Applicants from approved schools.** The proposed rule is required for housekeeping purposes. The current rule has not been updated in at least 10 years. Currently, if a licensee has not worked in physical therapy in the last two years they may be granted licensure by endorsement under certain conditions. The proposed rule changes the length of time a physical therapist has not worked from two to three years. The three-year term is consistent with the language outlined in Chapter 246-12 WAC Administrative Procedures and Requirements for Credentialed Health Care Providers. The proposed rules also changes “continuing education” to “continuing competency”. This language is consistent with current language outlined in WAC 246-915-085 Continuing competency.

Hearing location(s): Department of Health
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fax (360)664-9077 by (date) November 5, 2004

Date: November 16, 2004 Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date of intended adoption: November 16, 2004
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact
Kris Waidely, Program Manager by November 5, 2004
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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The current rule includes language that states if a licensee has not worked in physical therapy in the last two years, the applicant may be granted licensure by endorsement under the following conditions. The proposed rule changes the length of time a physical therapist has not worked from two to three years. The proposed rule also changes the language for continuing education to continuing competency. The Board would like the change made to be consistent with the language of WAC 246-915-085 which uses the continuing competency language rather than continuing education.

Reasons supporting proposal: The proposed changes extend physical therapy licensure eligibility requirements from 2 years to 3 years without employment and changes language from continuing education to continuing competency for consistency with WAC 246-915-085 Continuing competency.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.74.023

Statute being implemented: RCW 18.74.023

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Federal Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No
State Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, CITATION:

DATE

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:
none

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Department of Health

- ☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☒ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

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☐ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☒ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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☐ No: Please explain:

public aid

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 403B, filed 2/4/94, effective 3/7/94)

WAC 246-915-040 Licensure by endorsement--Applicants from approved schools. (1) Before licensure by endorsement is extended to any individual licensed to practice physical therapy under the law of another state, territory, or District of Columbia, the applicant shall have graduated from a board approved school, shall have taken the examination for physical therapy and shall have achieved a passing score approved by the board.

(2) If the decision to extend licensure by endorsement is based on an examination other than the examination approved in WAC 246-915-030(1), the board shall determine if such examination is equivalent to that required by the laws of this state.

(3) The board shall not recommend to the secretary that a person be licensed as a physical therapist under the licensure by endorsement provisions of RCW 18.74.060, unless said applicant shall have taken and passed the examination approved by the board, or other examination equivalent to that required by the laws of this state.

(4) If a licensee has not worked in physical therapy in the last ((two)) three years, the applicant may be granted licensure by endorsement under the following conditions:

(a) The board may require reexamination of an applicant who has not been actively engaged in lawful practice in another state or territory; or

(b) Waive reexamination in favor of evidence of continuing ((education)) competency satisfactory to the board.